Channel, Rajdhani Channel, Business Channel, Bulk Mail Channel and Periodicals (Patrika) Channel.

(5) Modernisation and computerisation of the mail transmission, processing and delivery.

STD Facilities in Almora Distt. (Uttar Pradesh)

111. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of places in Almora District of Uttar Pradesh where STD facility is available alongwith the STD codes thereof;

(b) the names of the places where STD facility is likely to be provided in the next three years and the steps being taken for the development of STD network in Almora district; and

(c) by when Basot and Bhatraunjkhan in Almora district will be connected by STD.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The names of places in Almora district where STD facility is available alongwith their S.T.D. codes are given in the enclosed statement—I *(See* below).

(b) The names of the places where STD facility is likely to be provided in the next three years in Almora District are given in the enclosed Statement—II *(See* below).

For the development of STD network in Almora district cable laying work is going in full swing in the whole region and MCPC-VSAT and UHF are likely to be provided wherever feasible.

(c) S.T.D. facility to Bhatraunjkhan is planned on MCPC-VSAT and is likely to be provided by March, 2000. At present there is no exchange existing at Basot as there is no registered demand for provision of telephone connections. The exchange with STD facility will be planned as and when, there is adequate registered demand for provision of telephone exchange.

Statement-I

The Names of the Places with STD Codes in Almora District

	Name	STD Code
1.	Almora	05962
2.	Kasardevi	05962
3.	Kausani	05962
4.	Shitlakhet	05962
5.	Artola	05962
6.	Lamgarha	05962
7.	Ranikhet	05966
8.	Dwarahat	05966
9.	Bhikiasain	05966

Statement-II

The Names of the Places where S.T.D. Facility is likely to be provided in the next three years in Almora District subject to availability of material, resources and funds

1.	Deolikhal	14.	Kafligair
2.	Jalali	15.	Someswar
3.	Binta	16.	Barechina
4.	Ganai	17.	Dhaulchina
5.	Masi	18.	Tarikhet
6.	Shylde	19.	Karra
7.	Deghat	20.	Majkhali
8.	Shashikhal	21.	Sherpathak
9.	Govindpur	22.	Bhutrojkhan
10.	Jaity	23.	Koti
11.	Dania	24.	Mannan
12.	Bhanouli	25.	Sinora
13.	Basoli		